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Wernschoen (V-06): Dismantling operations were continued up to June 1947, but were then halted and hangars, runways, and other installations have since been repaired. In December 1947 the field was in very good condition.

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Aircraft strength in December was sixty PE-2 and thirty ME-109. During October and November, the PE-2's, which have a rear movable gun and a fixed 20 mm gun in the forward gunner's compartment, were equipped with the Zeiss-Ikon semi-automatic Stuka sighting mechanism. Manufacture of these devices has now stopped, but it is said that automatic bomb sights are to be shipped from Moscow. Approximately sixty men are stationed at Wernschoen, all of whom wear parachute insignia. In December they were setting up equipment for jump exercises.

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2. Oranienburg (Z-67): About 20 December, forty PE-2 and ten YAK-4 planes were on the Oranienburg field.
3. Kothen (D-95): This airfield was in full operation during December. Eighty ME-109 and eighteen other aircraft, believed to be PE-2's, were observed on the field.
4. Bernburg (D-76): Dismantled up to mid-July and rendered unusable by demolition charges, the field was rebuilt in October by local labor. Two new concrete runways, each 150 meters wide, have been constructed. Some ME-109's were among the forty aircraft based on the field in December. According to Soviet EI, jet fighters are scheduled to make their appearance at Bernburg.
5. Alten (E-06): The field at Alten is in good condition. Bombers (no count given) were based there in December.
6. Zerbst (D-98): Zerbst airfield held fifty-three IL-2 or IL-3 planes in December. Also at the Zerbst field are three AA batteries with 85 mm guns and thirty-two large searchlights.
7. Aken (D-96): The area southeast of Aken, between the roads Aken-Kothen and Aken-Dessau, is used as a target ground by fighter and close reconnaissance aircraft and by armored and AT units. Planes from Alten and Zerbst made frequent use of this area as an overnight landing strip during the summer maneuvers.

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F-6 8. A resident of Breslau up to November 1947 states that the network of airfields in Silesia is still under construction. Both the Ohlau (C-60) and Oppeln (J-28) fields are being enlarged for use by heavy bombers. There are underground hangars at Ohlau.

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